Warm Drinks Around the World

Level: A1–A2 · Food and drink vocabulary · describing taste · ordering in a café

1 Warm-up

Talk with a partner.

1 What's the weather like where you live this month?

2 What do you drink in the morning?

3 Do you prefer hot drinks or cold drinks? Why?

2 Taste words

Match the words to the meanings. Write the letter.

Word		Meaning
1 sweet	___	a it has a lot of spices, like ginger or pepper
2 spicy	___	b it has sugar or honey in it
3 bitter	___	c it tastes like lemon
4 sour	___	d it tastes like strong coffee with no sugar
5 creamy	___	e it has milk and it feels smooth

3 Read the menu

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Café de olla (Mexico) $2.80

Coffee made in a clay pot with cinnamon and piloncillo (brown sugar). Sweet and spicy.

Masala chai (India) $3.20

Black tea with milk, ginger, cardamom and cinnamon. Creamy and spicy.

Chocolate tea (Jamaica) $3.50

Hot chocolate made with cocoa balls, nutmeg and milk. Rich and sweet.

Salep (Turkey) $3.90

A thick milk drink with orchid flour and cinnamon on top. Creamy and sweet.

Ginger and lemon tea $2.40

Hot water with fresh ginger, lemon and honey. A little sour and spicy.

Answer the questions.

1 Which drink is from Jamaica?

2 Which drinks have milk in them?

3 Which drink is the cheapest?

4 Which drink is good when you have a sore throat? Why?

5 Which drink do you want to try?

4 Ordering

Put the conversation in order (1–6). Then practise it with a partner.

	Conversation
___	Barista: It's two dollars eighty.
___	Customer: Hi! What's café de olla?
___	Barista: Hello! What can I get you?
___	Customer: Great. Can I have one, please?
___	Barista: It's Mexican coffee with cinnamon. It's sweet and a bit spicy.
___	Customer: Mmm. How much is it?

5 Your turn

Describe a drink from your country. Use: It's from… · It's made with… · It tastes… · People drink it…

Role-play: Student A is the barista. Student B orders a drink from the menu. Then change roles.

Answer key

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2 Taste words

1 b · 2 a · 3 d · 4 c · 5 e

3 Read the menu

1 Chocolate tea.

2 Masala chai, chocolate tea and salep.

3 Ginger and lemon tea ($2.40).

4 Ginger and lemon tea: it has honey and lemon, and it's hot.

5 Students' own answers.

4 Ordering

Numbers in the boxes, top to bottom: 5, 2, 1, 6, 3, 4.

In order: Hello! What can I get you? → Hi! What's café de olla? → It's Mexican coffee with cinnamon… → Mmm. How much is it? → It's two dollars eighty. → Great. Can I have one, please?

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